

More Information

Many people think that philanthropy is just for the wealthy. The truth is, every donation and every bequest to the International Eye Foundation makes a difference that will live on for generations to come.

For more information on IEF and its programs, or to make a donation or planned gift, please contact

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- ☐ I would like to make a gift of securities
- ☐ I would like to speak with someone who can provide additional information
- ☐ I would like to receive information on charitable tax planning options.
- ☐ I have named the IEF as a beneficiary in my will or life insurance policy

Name: _____

Address: _____

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State: _____ Zip: _____

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INTERNATIONAL EYE FOUNDATION CRITICAL MILESTONES

- 1961**
Founded by Dr. John Harry King Jr. along with Dr. Thomas A. Dooley, as the International Eye Bank
- 1965**
Changed its name to the International Eye Foundation reflecting its focus on prevention of eye disease in developing countries
- 1976**
Established the "Kenya Rural Blindness Prevention Project" funded by USAID 1976-1984
- 1980**
Established Ophthalmic Assistant Training Programs in Malawi and Ethiopia
- 1985**
First eye care NGO to be accepted into "official relations" with the World Health Organization (WHO)
- 1986**
Established the first USAID Child Survival/Vitamin A Deficiency Control Programs in Malawi, Guatemala, and Honduras
- 1990**
Pioneered community-based Mectizan® distribution programs to fight onchocerciasis in Guatemala (declared "Oncho Free" by WHO in 1986) and Nigeria, and in Cameroon and Malawi 1992
- 1991**
Received one of the first USAID grants for Eastern Europe to establish blindness prevention programs in Bulgaria and Albania
- 1997**
Reoriented its programming to sustainability of eye hospitals in developing countries (by 2017: 55 hospitals in 22 countries)
- 1999**
SightReach Surgical® established as the first non-profit platform to address lack of access and affordability of new ophthalmic instruments, equipment and supplies in developing countries
- 2009**
Is a founding member of VISION2020/USA
- 2013**
IEF is the Technical Advisory Group to the USAID Child Blindness Program 2013-2018

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Since 1961



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What can my gift do?

The Problem

- 253 million people are visually impaired worldwide
- Of these, 36 million are blind
- 217 million have low vision
- 81% of the blind are age 50 years or older
- 1.4 million of the blind are children
- Over 80% of global blindness is preventable or treatable
- 89% live in developing countries

WHO Global Blindness Data- 2017

IEF - preventing blindness and restoring sight in the developing world

- **Fighting cataract, “river blindness,” and childhood blindness**
- **Improving quality of eye care services**
- **Providing affordable ophthalmic instruments, equipment, and supplies**
- **Improving management, efficiencies, and effectiveness of eye hospitals that serve the poor**

Blindness can strike every man, woman, and child, rich or poor, whether they live in developed or developing countries alike. Children and the elderly are the most vulnerable and in developing countries, women and children are at a greater risk because of poverty, malnutrition, lack of water, and lack of proper health services.

IEF staff and partners made up of senior ophthalmologists, public health professionals, and health management specialists focus on eliminating the key barriers to quality eye care services.

In developing countries, a little goes a long way



\$35 – One cataract surgery

\$75 – Eye exams for 25 children

\$150 – Glasses to correct vision of 10 people

\$200 - Surgery to restore a child’s sight



\$345 – Cost of one surgical instrument set. Allows a surgeon to remove cataract and restore sight to hundreds of people.

\$500 – Eight cataract kits for 40 operations (intra-ocular lenses, medications, and surgical supplies), will restore sight in one eye for 40 people or both eyes for 20 people

\$1,000 – Transportation for 180 patients to clinics for treatment



\$2,500 – Medication for 50 glaucoma patients for three months



\$5000 – Medical supplies for a clinic for one year

**Give someone sight for a lifetime
“the gift of sight”**

**Enclosed is my check for: \$ _____
OR**

Charge my gift to:

☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover ☐ AMEX

Name on Card: _____

Card #: _____

Exp. Date: ____/____ Security Code: ____

Amount: \$ _____

Signature: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Please make this a monthly gift ____ Y ____ N
Charge my credit card \$ ____ on the ____ of each month.

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Save postage and paper – make your gift online now!

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Please acknowledge my donation via email so that more can go to those who need my help. ____ Y ____ N

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